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## **FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Application No.	09/988,259
Filing Date	November 19, 2001
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Examiner Name	Huy Kim MAI
Atty Docket No.	1232-4785

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1.	Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114								
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	ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)								
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